



# NEXTech HIGH SCHOOL

## NexTech High School of Grand Rapids Newsletter

DO YOU HAVE FAMILY OR FRIENDS  
THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM OUR  
PROGRAM? INVITE THEM TODAY!

Blended, flexible, safe and secure  
classroom sizes with an option of both  
online and in person learning.

We offer the Grand Rapids Promise  
Scholarship.

Kent Career Technical Center  
available to our students.

College dual enrollment opportunities.

National Honor Society Member.

Be sure to stay up to date  
by following us!



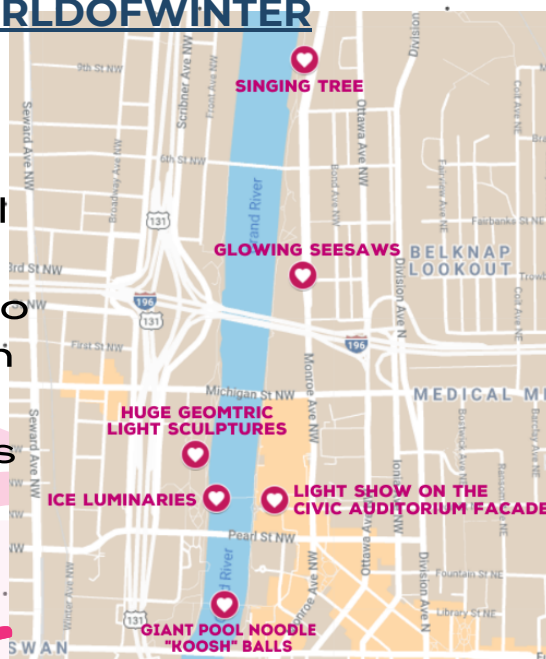
Downtown Grand Rapids is hosting the World of Winter in an effort to get people active outside. Be sure to check out the art installations and activities! Send us your pics and they may be featured in next months newsletter or on our social media.



### #WORLDOFWINTER



NexTech  
Students will  
have the  
opportunity to  
interact with  
career  
professionals  
of color this  
month.





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LINKS YOU CAN

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- [FUTURES FOR FRONTLINERS](#)
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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**FEBRUARY 15 - NO SCHOOL**  
**FEBRUARY 26 - END OF TRIMESTER**  
**MARCH 1 - START 3RD TRIMESTER**  
**APRIL 2 - SPRING BREAK**  
**APRIL 12 - BACK TO SCHOOL**  
**APRIL 26 - PARENT CONFERENCES**





# EVENTS

**OPPORTUNITIES** ←

A laptop is shown from a high angle, with a blue semi-transparent overlay covering the screen and part of the keyboard. The text is white and yellow on this background. The background image shows a laptop, a pen, and some papers on a desk.

# Groundhog Shadow Day goes virtual!

**FEBRUARY 5, 2021**  
**SIGN UP FOR A ONE-HOUR SESSION**  
**MEET WITH PROFESSIONALS IN THE**  
**CAREER FIELD OF YOUR CHOICE!**

Health Care | Business | Computer Science  
Manufacturing | Education | Arts & Communication and so many more!  
Visit [www.kentisd.org/groundhog](http://www.kentisd.org/groundhog) for more info!



**HBCU**  
 *College*  
**FAIR**

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RECIPIENT!

# LORI. OOSTING



**My name is Lori Oosting, and I'm a paraprofessional, giving extra support in a variety of subjects for students who need it. This is my 2nd year at NexTech and my 5th year as a para. Before NexTech, I was a para in middle and high school and with special needs students. I received my BA from Grand Valley State University. My spare time is spent time with my husband and three children. We enjoy spending time with family, traveling, and being outdoors. I also enjoy gardening, reading, and water sports.**



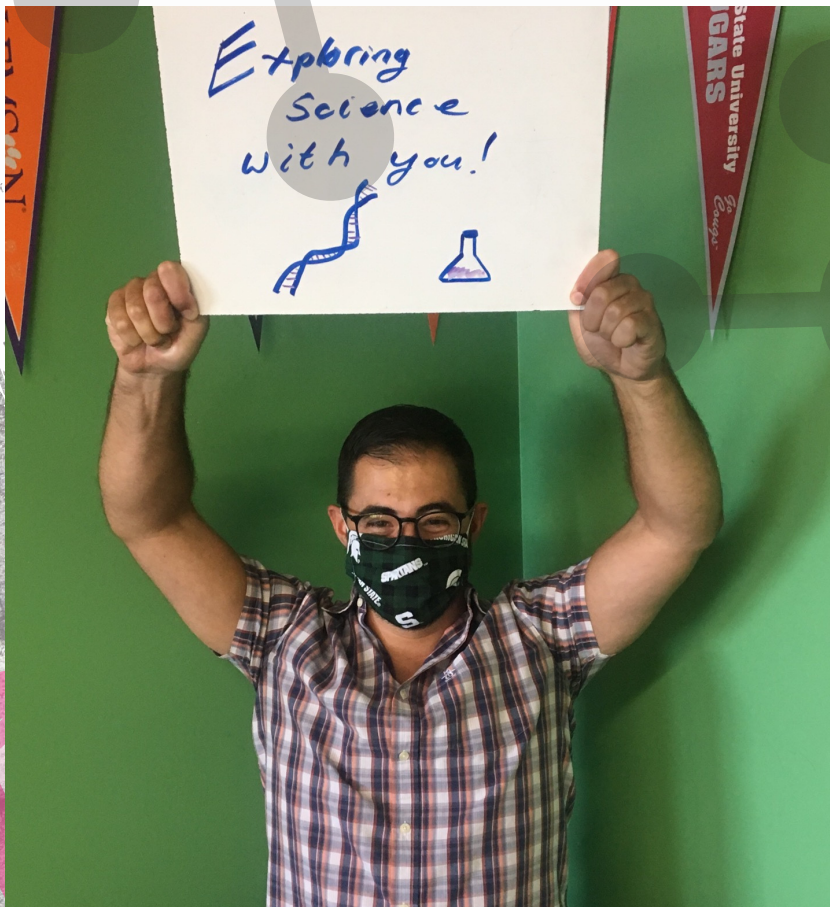
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"Let's get it started, ha" - Black Eved Peas

# CHRIS START

ENTERING HIS SECOND YEAR TEACHING AT NEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL, AND HIS NINTH YEAR TEACHING, CHRIS START IS EXCITED FOR THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS SCHOOL YEAR OFFERS. BORN AND RAISED IN SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN, HE GRADUATED FROM BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL IN 2002. HE WAS ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, MARCHING BAND, CHOIR, AND MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES. DURING HIS STUDIES AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, HE WORKED IN RESEARCH LABS, THE LIBRARY, AND PLAYED A LOT OF ULTIMATE FRISBEE AND SMASH BROTHERS. HE COMPLETED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY AND BOTANY THERE IN 2006. AFTER WORKING AS A TEACHER'S AIDE IN RURAL MICHIGAN, HE MOVED TO OMAHA, NEBRASKA TO EARN A MASTERS OF EDUCATION. WHILE PURSUING THAT, HE WORKED AT A PRIVATE SCHOOL IN OMAHA'S NORTH SIDE, IN ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE SCHOOLS IN THE CITY. HE THEN STARTED TEACHING MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE AND MATH IN NORTHEASTERN KANSAS.



CHRIS IS THRILLED TO BE BACK IN MICHIGAN AND LIVING IN GRAND RAPIDS. ANY EXCUSE TO VISIT LAKE MICHIGAN IS A GOOD ONE TO HIM; WHILE HE ALSO ENJOYS GOING TO MID- AND DOWNTOWN AND THE MEIJER GARDENS.



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